GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA

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DELAYS IN EXECUTION OF MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Member of Parliament are not allowed to spend even a rupee from the Local Area Development Fund at their discretion and for that they have to follow guidelines/programmes issued by the Union Government;

(b) whether the Government have received complaints from MPs regarding improper behaviour of the bureaucrats and meaningless rules;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) the details of action taken by the Government to solve the problem;

(e) whether Government are considering for issuing any orders as according to which MPs will be allowed to spend a certain percentage of the total fund in the work of their choice; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) In accordance with Guidelines on MPLADS, each MP will give a choice of works to the concerned Head of the District for implementation. The chosen works should be admissible under MPLADS.

(b),(c)&(d) Some complaints like non-compliance of guidelines on MPLADS, delay in execution of works, irregular use of funds etc. have been received from some Members of Parliament. As and when such complaints are received the concerned State Government are requested to investigate the matter and take remedial action.

(e)&(f) Under MPLADS only the works which are recommended by the MPs are taken up. As and when suggestion to amend the Guidelines are received from the MPs these are considered in consultation with the committees on MPLADS of Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha.